

# Jefferson Middle School

## Summer 2016 Reading Program

For descriptions of each book title, visit our School Website at <http://jefferson.tusd.org> and Click on the top tab "Academics" and then Scroll down to 'Summer Reading Lists' and click!

**Incoming Sixth Graders** select two of the following titles:

Black Ships Before Troy Sutcliffe, Rosemary	Quiver Spinner, Stephanie
Tales of the Greek Heroes Green, Roger Lancelyn	The Wanderings of Odysseus: The Story of the Odyssey Sutcliffe, Rosemary
Born to Rock Korman, Gordon	Criss Cross Perkins, Lynne Rae
Here Today Martin, Ann	So B. It: A Novel Weeks, Sarah
Disasters Burnie, David	Life As We Knew It Pfeffer, Susan Beth

**Incoming Seventh Graders** select two of the following titles:

Where the Flame Trees Bloom Ada, Alma Fior	Esperanza Rising Ryan, Pam Munzo
How I Discovered Poetry Nelson, Marilyn	Brown Girl Dreaming Woodson, Jacqueline
Countdown Wiles, Deborah	One Crazy Summer Williams-Garcia, Rita
The Watsons Go to Birmingham Curtis, Christopher Paul	My Father's Summers: A Daughter's Memoir Appelt, Kathi
Marching for Freedom: Walk Together Children and Don't You Grow Weary Partridge, Elizabeth	To the Mountain Top: My Journey Through the Civil Rights Movement Hunter-Gault, Charlayne

### **Incoming Eighth Graders: *Exploring Human Potential***

**Concept:** In 8th grade, we will be focusing on our transformation from middle school students into high school students. These summer reading books have been selected to inspire students by allowing them to experience stories that explore human achievement. Students will be incorporating themes and ideas from their summer reading into their 1st Quarter work in 8th grade English.

**Assignment:** The assignment has two parts:

1. All students are expected to read **No Summit Out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits**, by Jordan Romero (with Linda LeBlanc).
2. Additionally, all students will read one (or more) of the books from the following list:

<b>The House on Mango Street</b> <i>Cisneros, Sandra</i>	<b>Okay for Now</b> <i>Schmidt, Gary</i>
<b>Zora and Me</b> <i>Bond, Victoria and T.R. Simon</i>	<b>After Tupac and D Foster</b> <i>Woodson, Jacqueline</i>
<b>Matched</b> <i>Condie, Ally</i>	<b>Tangerine</b> <i>Bloor, Edward</i>
<b>Airborn</b> <i>Oppel, Kenneth</i>	<b>Shackleton's Stowaway</b> <i>McKeman, Victoria</i>
<b>Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of WWII</b> , by <i>Bruchac, Joseph</i>	<b>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</b> <i>Kamkwamba, William</i>